Dwarfism Awareness Month with LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA
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What is Dwarfism?

Little People of America (LPA) defines dwarfism as a medical or genetic condition that usually results in an adult height of 4'10" or shorter, among both men and women, although in some cases a person with a dwarfing condition may be slightly taller than that.
Different Types of Dwarfism
There are over 400 Different Types. Some of the more common types are...

- Achondroplasia (Achon)
- Spondyloepiphyseal Dysplasia (SED)
- Diastrophic Dysplasia
- Pseudoachondroplasia
- Osteogenisis Imperfecta
What is Achondroplasia?

Achondroplasia is by far the most common type of dwarfism, accounting for approximately half of all cases of profound short stature. Over 80% of individuals with achondroplasia have parents with normal stature and have achondroplasia as the result of a de novo gene mutation. FGFR3 (Fibroblast growth factor receptor 3) is the only gene known to be associated with achondroplasia.
Lifestyles and Adaptations

- Genetics
- Diagnosis
- Adaptations
- Discrimination and Disrespect
  - Public Awareness and Perception
  - Workplace Discrimination
- Media
  - Positive and Negative Aspects

Societal Interactions: https://youtu.be/bXpq-sf0Drk
Terminology

What is the preferred language?

- Most Preferred: Our Name
- Little Person, LP
- Person / Individual with Dwarfism
- Dwarf
- Short Statured

Warning! Midget is an outdated, antiquated term that is considered offensive and degrading to the LP community.
Want to learn more?
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